(d) details of machinery established for co-ordination with the academic fraternity to ensure that genuine research proposals are properly evaluated and are also not unduly delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA : (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) Guidelines have already been issued by the Cabinet Secretariat in December 1999 regarding clearance for study/research scheme involving foreigners/foreign collaboration from security/sensitivity angle and by the Ministry of Home Affairs in September, 2000 regarding security clearance for holding international conferences/seminars/workshop/etc. in India. The guidelines issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development on 31st January, 2003 mainly relate to the procedure to be observed by Central Universities to enter into an MoU with foreign Universities/Institutions with prior clearance from Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The guidelines in no way discourage genuine research proposals which are being evaluated in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

श्री आर. पी. गोयनका : सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह जो कड़ाई इन्होंने की है, इसके बाद यह कितना समय एप्रूवल देने के लिए लेते हैं ?

डॉ. बल्लभभाई रामजीभाई कथीरिया : सभापति जी, यह दिशा-निर्देश में तो कोई कड़ाई नहीं है, लेकिन हर जो प्रपोजल होता है उनके आधार पर उनमें समय लगता है। जैसे कि कभी-कभी कहीं मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ होम अफेयर्स से परामर्श लेना पड़ता है, कहीं मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ एक्सटर्नल अफेयर्स से लेना पड़ता है और बाद में वह ह्यूमेन रिसोर्स में आता है इसलिए It depends upon the proposal concerned.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Allocation for Agriculture and Rural Development in Gujarat

*583. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the per capita amount allocated for agriculture and rural development during the last three years, especially for drought prone areas of Gujarat; and

(b) the total amount demanded by Gujarat Government and the amount sanctioned by the Planning Commission for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government of India and the State Government are implementing a number of Schemes for agriculture and rural development in Gujarat. Generally, funds are released to State Government/implementing agencies for utilisation in the State as a whole. However, there is one specific Scheme, called Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) which is being implemented in 14 districts of Gujarat covering 67 blocks in which the unit of implementation is a watershed project with an area of 500 hectares.

The details of funds released for agriculture and rural development in Gujarat during the last three years are as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

Department	Funds Released		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation	47.13	31.08	25.65
Department of Rural Development	551.86	388.15	391.74

(b) The details of plan allocation for agriculture and rural development by the Planning Commission for the State Plan of Gujarat during the last three years are as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Agriculture	Rural Development
2000-01	512.32	441.20
2001-02	669.85	298.79
2002-03	533.43	316.31

Anganwadi Centres in Orissa

*588. MISS PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for increasing number of Anganwadi Centres in Orissa ;